

The all-volunteer Middleridge Civic Association was formed in 1973. The civic association promotes an exceptionally strong sense of community that greets new residents with open arms, providing welcoming gifts to the newest neighbors. The Civic Association coordinates regular stream clean-ups and awards annual scholarships to high school seniors. Annual events include an Easter egg hunt, home and garden tours, Halloween parade, a holiday light decorating contest and community movie nights.

In 2002, Middleridge established a National Night Out celebration in partnership with the Fairfax County Police Department. Of the scores of NNO events held each year, the Middleridge National Night Out has been recognized as the largest event in the entire county—again a testament to the community spirit and activism of Middleridge residents.

As the former president of the Mantua civic association, I know firsthand that a community is more than houses in a development. In fact, the health and well-being of a region can be measured by the involvement of its citizens. When residents invest their time, care, and energies, a true community is created to the benefit of all. Fairfax County is considered one of the best places in the nation in which to live, work and raise a family, largely because of the willingness of so many to become actively involved. Middleridge Civic Association and the residents of this neighborhood provide an excellent example of how to create a thriving, energetic, and welcoming place to call home.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Middleridge and in thanking the residents and civic association members and officers for their contributions and service to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. CHARLES
W. REEDER, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness but great respect that I take this time to remember Mr. Charles W. Reeder, Jr., who passed away on September 7, 2020, at the age of 69. Mr. Reeder's love for his family and dedication to his community is noteworthy and admirable. While he will be truly missed by his family and friends, the impact he has had on his community will live on for generations to come.

Mr. Reeder received a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary and he later completed a Doctor of Ministry from Ashland Seminary and worked for Food for the Poor, raising funds for third world countries. During 40 years of ministry, he served churches in Ohio, Illinois, Washington, and Colorado. He also taught classes at several college venues as well as prisons. Teaching and preaching were his passions, and he excelled at both. He had a love for theology and physics, remodeling and good music.

His life was filled with compassion, and he lived to serve the needs of others. His greatest loves, however, were his wife, Pat, his two daughters, and his three precious grandsons.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to rise with me in honor of Mr. Charles Reeder, Jr. He will be profoundly missed, but his memory lives on in his family.

CELEBRATING JUSTICE RUTH
BADER GINSBURG

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, today we celebrate Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We remember her groundbreaking work and remarkable legacy. We owe our opportunity to be who we are to what she accomplished.

That's why we call her the Notorious RBG. Justice Ginsburg defied expectations. Despite her acumen and proven ability in the law, she was denied jobs for which she was well-qualified. She nonetheless pursued that career at a time when social norms kept women at home and discouraged them from working.

Justice Ginsburg showed up for a generation of women and men. Equality drove her work.

Her vision and imagination demanded that she not allow an individual's dreams be short-changed by institutional inequality.

When people are held back by unjust laws, they cannot flourish and thrive. She felt that in her bones, and she strove to fix it.

As a Jewish woman, I feel a strong sense of identity with her. She was grounded in the teaching of Tikkun Olum—to repair the world and the Torah's admonition that one doesn't have to complete the work but cannot desist trying.

Now, there will be not just a void with her passing, but a chasm as our role model—our champion of liberty, equality, and democracy.

So we and future generations must pick up the torch and continue her fight.

HONORING MOHANDAS
KARAMCHAND GANDHI

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, one of the most influential men of the modern world. As we celebrate the close of the 150th anniversary of Gandhi's birth, it is important to remember that his legacy is born out every day in the lives of billions of people who live the way they do because of his selfless work.

His teachings of non-violence have impacted the entire world; and his promotion of racial, social, and political equality will continue to touch the global community as we work towards a brighter, freer future.

It is vital that we continue to embody Gandhi's perseverance and non-violent ways as we work to make the world a better place. Today, we honor his legacy and the power that an individual man had to change the world. 151 years ago, Gandhi was born an ordinary man. Today, he is a worldwide symbol of peace and civil disobedience. May he con-

tinue to rest in peace, and may his legacy prevail eternally.

MALCOM BLAIR "MAL" WHITE

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mr. Malcom Blair "Mal" White of Metter, Georgia, who passed away on September 21st.

Mal was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, leader, and friend.

Mal taught high school math at Savannah Country Day School in Georgia's First District for over three decades.

Mal generously and selflessly served Savannah Country Day in various roles, including math department chair, dean of students, Upper School assistant principal.

He was dedicated to enriching the lives of all students and equally invested his time to athletics, including assisting with the varsity football and JV basketball teams, serving as the varsity girls basketball head coach, as well as serving as the varsity golf coach for over three decades.

He led all teams to numerous victories.

I am thankful for the lasting impact Mal made on his community, and I know his legacy will continue at Savannah Country Day School for years to come.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and the countless students, parents, and teachers' lives he touched.

TRIBUTE TO BABA SHEIKH

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, I want to express my heartfelt condolences to the Yazidi community around the world and in my hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska on the loss of spiritual leader Baba Sheikh.

In August 2014, ISIS launched a genocidal campaign against the Yazidi people in Iraq, killing and brutalizing thousands. Five years later, hundreds of thousands of Yazidis are still displaced in refugee camps in their own country. Throughout all this terror and diabolical suffering, the spiritual leader of the Yazidi people, Baba Sheikh, stood steady as a great source of comfort, love, and inspiration.

Madam Speaker, it's not widely known, but two years ago, at the behest of Vice President Pence, I traveled to Northern Iraq to assess the situation faced by religious minority communities after the ISIS genocide. It was my privilege to meet with Baba Sheikh. Together we met with the Yazidi women who had been enslaved by ISIS. I will never forget his gentleness, kindness, and eagerness to be with us even amidst all the suffering.

May he rest in peace.